

# Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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**WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE** - Indiana's largest state operated property!

**Patoka Lake Interpretive Services** presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year.

Take a close-up look at amazing animals! Join the naturalist for a hike! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information.

Open Tuesday through Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Closed Mondays

Visit our website: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/)

## September 2009 Activities

### Saturday, September 5th - Labor Day Weekend

- 10a.m. - 3p.m. **Resident raptors Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 10a.m. **Hoosier Quest** ~ Learn more about the NEW Parks & Reservoirs Patch program. Begin the adventure today! Earn points and enjoy prizes while visiting your public properties. **vc**
- 11a.m. **Birds of Prey** ~ Hear the story of eagles, hawks, osprey and owls. Get a close-up look at Bald Eagle C52 and Redtail Hawk as we explore these winged wonders and their hunting habits. **vc**
- 12p.m. **Canoe/Kayak Adventure** ~ Bring your kayak or canoe and meet the naturalist at South Lick Fork Ramp, located on Highway 164 west of Wickliffe. Enjoy an afternoon on the waters of Patoka as we look for area wildlife and explore Patoka's heritage. Canoes available on a first come/first serve basis while supplies last.
- 1p.m. **Music with The Woodsmalls** ~ Enjoy an afternoon of old time, traditional and original tunes by Orange County musicians Dave and Joanna Woodsmall. Bring your energy, family and friends and join in a cool indoor concert. **vc**

### Sunday, September 6th

- 10a.m. - 3p.m. **Resident raptors Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 10a.m. **Patoka Dam Tower Tour** ~ Travel by car caravan to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dam for a tower tour. Learn fascinating facts regarding flood control and reservoir management. **vc**
- 11a.m. **Snakes of Patoka** ~ Let's take a look at some of the misunderstood creatures of Patoka and southern Indiana. Are all snakes venomous? Why are snakes important in the natural world? With a surprise or two, we'll explore fascinating facts and myths about snakes. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ Bring family, friends, comfortable walking shoes and bug spray for this short hike through time. Learn about Patoka's heritage and pre-lake history with stories from the memoirs of Mr. Fred Dillard. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Nature Flicks** ~ Cool down at the Visitor Center and enjoy a short nature program. Join us and see what is playing today! **vc**
- 2:30p.m. **Animal Tracks & Signs** ~ We may not see the animal, but sometimes we can tell who was here by the signs they leave behind. Come and enjoy making plaster casts of animal tracks. **vc**

### Monday, September 7th

- 10a.m. - 3p.m. **Resident raptors Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Butterflies and Moths** ~ Explore the wonders of butterflies and moths. Butterflies in the daytime and moth at night. Where do they go in the winter? **vc**
- 2p.m. **Garden Rock Loop Hike** ~ Bring comfortable walking shoes and insect repellent for this short half mile hike. We will look for wildlife and explore Patoka's past. **vc**

### Saturday, September 12th

- 9a.m. **1st Annual Open Disc Golf Tournament hosted by Patoka Lake Marina** ~ Bring family and friends to see the start up of an exciting event as competitors exhibit their disc golf skills at Patoka Lake Disc Golf course located at the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area. Bring insect repellent and sunscreen and enjoy the techniques of individuals as this growing sport of disc golf is presented.

For entry fee information and online registration go to:

[www.onetimediscgolf.citymax.com.PatokaLakeMarinaOpen.html](http://www.onetimediscgolf.citymax.com.PatokaLakeMarinaOpen.html)

#### **Contact Information:**

Patoka Lake Marina (Steve Bartels)/Disc Golf Tournament

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EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME**

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- 11a.m. **Hawk Talk** ~ Take a close-up look at a non-releasable redtail hawk and discover what she eats and why she is known as a raptor. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Mammals of Patoka** ~ What are some of the common and not-so-common mammals of Patoka? River Otter? Beaver? Join us for a fascinating look at the world of mammals. **vc**

### Saturday, September 19th

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### **Wheelin' in the Fish** **Saturday, September 19th** **Osborn Ramp, Hwy. 145** **10 a.m. - 2p.m.**

(eastern daylight time)

Join in the **8th Annual** event for people with special needs and their families. This program promotes the accessible features of Patoka Lake and provides a great opportunity to enjoy a day of fishing, boat rides, recreational opportunities and other experiences.

There is NO Charge for this program!

\*Fishing poles, tackle and bait provided  
(while supplies last)

\*Lunch \*Door prizes

\*Certificates awarded to All participants.  
Bring lawn chairs, sunscreen and insect repellent.

Event hosted by DNR Patoka Reservoir,  
Patoka Bass Anglers and SICIL  
(Southern IN Center for Independent Living)

For more information, contact the Visitor Center at 812.685.2447

### Sunday, September 20th

- 10a.m. - 3p.m. **Resident raptors Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Outrageous Owls** ~ Discover the special features these "hunters of the night" use to catch prey and stay safe. Learn where and when you could catch a glimpse of these amazing silent flyers. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Cute and Cuddly Babies** ~ Some animal babies look like their parents and others do not. Enjoy a look at mammals, birds and other animal babies beginning their lives around Patoka. **vc**

### Saturday, September 26th

10a.m.-2p.m. **Bald Eagle C52** will be presented during a special event at Indiana DNR Hoosier Outdoor Experience at Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, IN. Stop by and visit the many booths and join in the fun activities and presentations as the DNR celebrates Indiana's outdoor opportunities for adventure.

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1p.m. **Turtle Talk** ~ Take a close-up look at Patoka's resident box turtle. Enjoy the sight of a baby box turtle shell. Discover their habits, habitats and the laws protecting them. **vc**

2p.m. **Pond & River** ~ What types of creatures are living in the waters of ponds & rivers. How do these creatures use the water for everyday life? Discover these answers and more. **vc**

### Sunday, September 27th

11a.m. **Redtail Hawk** ~ Why is she here at the Visitor Center and what special features are used by this hawk to hunt? Discover these answers and more as we take a close-up look at this bird that is no longer able to fly. **vc**

1:30p.m. **Disc Golf for Beginners** ~ Join the naturalist and a few long-time disc golf players as we enjoy the new 18-hole disc golf course near the Patoka modern campground. Learn how to play this exciting new sport and see what types of discs are used and more. Bring your discs (if you have them) insect repellent and sunscreen. Extra discs will be available while supplies last.

## **COMING**

### **Autumn Getaway Weekend** **October 16th & 17th**

\*Campsite Decorating \*Dutch Oven Cook-Off  
\*Music \*Crafts \*Pitch-In Soup  
\*Interpretive Programs & Much More!